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BIKING

BUFFEHR CREEK #787

Length: 5.5 miles (one way)

Difficulty: Difficult

Beginning Elevation: 9,593 feet

Elevation Gain: +782 feet -2217 feet = -1435 feet

Trail Use: Moderate

Open To: Hiking, Biking, Horse

Ending Elevation: 8,158 feet

USGS Map(s): Vail West

Access from Vail: From I-70 take exit 176 Vail and head west on the North Frontage Road. Turn right on Red Sandstone Road. This road will turn into a dirt road (Red Sandstone Road - FS #700). Follow this for about for 3.25 miles to the junction of FS #700 and Lost Lake Road (FS #786). Stay left and continue 3.8 miles on FS #700 to the Lost Lake Trailhead. Parking is available here.

Trail Highlights: Start at the Lost Lake Trailhead and ride south on FS#700 to Red and White Mountain Road #734. Turn west and follow the road for about 1.75 miles to the Buffehr Creek Trail sign. Turn south and follow the doubletrack which turns to singletrack. The singletrack descends through trees, a meadow, and under power lines before becoming a dirt road. The road turns into doubletrack which is marked with Forest Service signs. Upon intersecting the North Trail, turn right. The trail crosses Buffehr Creek and traverses some beaver ponds before exiting to left off of the North Trail and descending on the Buffehr Creek Trail to the trailhead at the bottom.

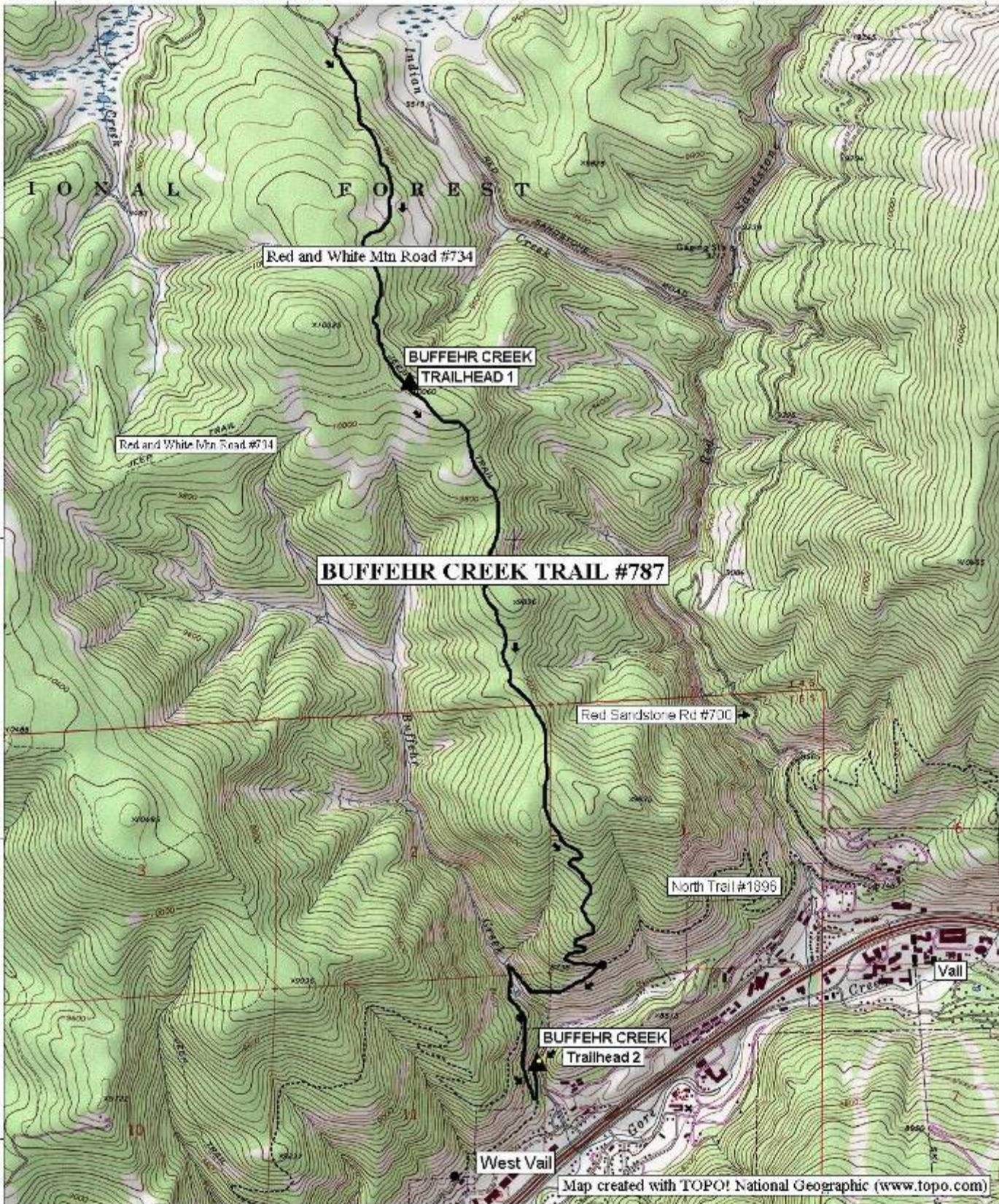
Alternative Routes: When this trail intersects the North Trail, a rider can head west towards Davos or east towards Red Sandstone Road. Be aware that the North Trail (other than this Buffehr Creek section) is closed to Elk Calving from April 15 to June 15.

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: Mountain biking provides the opportunity to “get away from it all.” Careless operation of your bike can cause damage and may result in closing of areas to mountain bike enthusiasts. Respect the environment and other trail users. By using common sense and common courtesy, what is available today will be here to enjoy tomorrow:

- * **Always stay on designated roads and trails;** off-trail riding is not permitted on the White River National Forest.
- * Obtain a map of the area you wish to explore and determine which areas are open for use.
- * Avoid trails that are obviously wet and muddy to avoid trail damage.
- * When descending, apply enough brake to maintain control, but avoid locking your bike's wheels, which can start a rut, leading to erosion.
- * Cross streams at fording points only.
- * Wilderness areas are managed to maintain their primitive character and to provide opportunities for solitude. These designated areas are solely for non-mechanized travel—access is restricted to foot and horseback only. Sorry, no OHVs or bicycles.
- * For tips on techniques and responsible recreation, visit www.treadlightly.org.

PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! TREAD LIGHTLY!!

This map is intended for use as a general guide only, not for actual land navigation. The White River National Forest strongly suggests purchasing a topographic map and compass prior to your trip.



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